



**Lake Livingston Telephone Company**

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July 3, 2017

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: Connect America Fund, WC Docket No. 14-58, 47 CFR § 54.313 Annual Reporting Requirements for High-Cost Recipients (Form 481)**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Attached please find Lake Livingston Telephone Company's high-cost support recipient annual report pursuant to 47 CFR § 54.313 (Form 481).

Lake Livingston Telephone Company is filing certain financial information, reported pursuant to 47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2), as confidential under the March 22, 2016 Protective Order (DA 16-296). Pursuant to that Order, each page of this filing has been marked "REDACTED - FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION." The non-redacted version of this information has been marked "CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION - SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION." As such, Lake Livingston Telephone Company requests that the non-redacted version of its submission be withheld from public inspection.

The redacted version of this Form 481 submission will be filed via the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) in the above-captioned docket.

If you have any questions about this filing, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

William Whitten  
General Manager

Attachment

**FCC Form 481 - Carrier Annual Reporting  
Data Collection Form**FCC Form 481  
OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819  
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<210> For the prior calendar year, were there any reportable voice service outages? No

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**(300) Unfulfilled Service Request  
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&lt;300&gt; Unfulfilled service request (voice)

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&lt;310&gt; Detail on attempts (voice)

Name of Attached Document

&lt;320&gt; Unfulfilled service request (broadband)

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&lt;330&gt; Detail on attempts (broadband)

Name of Attached Document

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<400>	Select from the drop-down list to indicate how you would like to report voice complaints (zero or greater) for voice telephony service in the prior calendar year for each service area in which you are designated an ETC for any facilities you own, operate, lease, or otherwise utilize. Offered only fixed voice	
<410>	Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed voice	0 . 0
<420>	Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile voice	
<430>	Select from the drop-down list to indicate how you would like to report end-user customer complaints (zero or greater) for broadband service in the prior calendar year for each service area in which you are designated an ETC for any facilities you own, operate, lease, or otherwise utilize. Offered only fixed broadband	
<440>	Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed broadband	0 . 0
<450>	Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile broadband	

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<500>	Certify compliance with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules	Yes
442104TX510 . pdf		
<510>	Descriptive document for Service Quality Standards & Consumer Protection Rules Compliance	
<515>	Certify compliance with applicable minimum service standards	

<b>(600) Functionality in Emergency Situations</b>		FCC Form 481
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<600>	Certify compliance regarding ability to function in emergency situations	Yes
<610>	Descriptive document for Functionality in Emergency Situations	442104TX610.pdf





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-- See attached worksheet --

**(800) Operating Companies  
Data Collection Form**

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<810>	Reporting Carrier	Lake Livingston Telephone Company
<811>	Holding Company	Lake Livingston Telephone Company
<812>	Operating Company	Lake Livingston Telephone Company

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**(900) Tribal Lands Reporting  
Data Collection Form**

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&lt;900&gt; Does the filing entity offer tribal land services? (Y/N) No

&lt;910&gt; Tribal Land(s) on which ETC Serves

&lt;920&gt; Tribal Government Engagement Obligation

Name of Attached Document

If your company serves Tribal lands, please select (Yes, No, NA) for each these boxes to confirm the status described on the attached PDF, on line 920, demonstrates coordination with the Tribal government pursuant to § 54.313(a)(9) includes:

- <921> Needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal community anchor institutions.
- <922> Feasibility and sustainability planning;
- <923> Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner;
- <924> Compliance with Rights of way processes
- <925> Compliance with Land Use permitting requirements
- <926> Compliance with Facilities Siting rules
- <927> Compliance with Environmental Review processes
- <928> Compliance with Cultural Preservation review processes
- <929> Compliance with Tribal Business and Licensing requirements.

Select Yes or No or Not Applicable

**(1000) Voice and Broadband Service Rate Comparability  
Data Collection Form**

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<1000> Voice services rate comparability certification Yes

<1010> Attach detailed description for voice services rate comparability compliance 442104TX1010.pdf

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Name of Attached Document

<1020> Broadband comparability certification No

<1030> Attach detailed description for broadband comparability compliance 442104TX1030.pdf

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Name of Attached Document

**(1100) No Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting  
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&lt;1100&gt; Certify whether terrestrial backhaul options exist (Y/N)

Yes

&lt;1130&gt; Please select the appropriate response (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm the reporting carrier offers broadband service of at least 1 Mbps downstream and 256 kbps upstream within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(g).

**(1200) Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers**  
**Lifeline**  
**Data Collection Form**

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<1210> Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans

Name of Attached Document

<1220> Link to Public Website

HTTP <http://www.puc.texas.gov/consumer/lowincome/Assistance.aspx>

"Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 1210, or the website listed, on line 1220, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.422(a)(2) annual reporting for ETCs receiving low-income support, carriers must annually report:

- <1221> Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers, ☒
- <1222> Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan, ☒
- <1223> Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan. ☒

**(2005) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation**

FCC Form 481

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*Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers*

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Select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to note compliance as a recipient of Incremental High Cost support, High Cost support to offset access charge reductions, and Connect America Phase II support as set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(b),(c),(d),(e). The information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

**Incremental Connect America Phase I reporting**

- <2011> 3rd Year Certification 47 CFR §54.313(b)(1)(ii) - Note that for the July 2017 certification, this applies to Round 2 recipients of Incremental Support.
- <2022> Recipient certifies, representing year three after filing a notice of acceptance of funding pursuant to 54.312(c), that the locations in question are not receiving support under the Broadband Initiatives Program or the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program for projects that will provide broadband with speeds of at least 4 Mbps/1Mbps - 54.313(b)(2)(i). Round 2 recipients only.
- <2023> The attachment on line 2024 includes a statement of the total amount of capital funding expended in the previous year in meeting Connect America Phase I deployment obligations, accompanied by a list of census blocks indicating where funding was spent. This covers year three - 54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.
- <2024A> Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?
- <2024B> Attach list of census blocks indicating where funding was spent in year three - 54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.
- <2025A> Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?
- <2025B> Attach geocoded Information for Phase I milestone reports (Round 2 for year three) - Connect America Fund , WC Docket 10-90, Report and Order, FCC 13-73, paragraph 35 (May 22, 2013).
- <2015> 2016 and future Frozen Support Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(c)(4)

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**Price Cap Carrier Connect America ICC Support {47 CFR § 54.313(d)}**

&lt;2016&gt; Certification support used to build broadband

**Connect America Phase II Reporting {47 CFR § 54.313(e)}**

&lt;2017A&gt; Connect America Fund Phase II recipient?

&lt;2017C&gt; Total amount of Phase II support, if any, the price cap carrier used for capital expenditures in 2016.

&lt;2018&gt; Attach the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the carrier newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year - 54.313(e)(1)(ii)(A)

Name of Attached Document Listing  
Required Information

&lt;2019&gt; Recipient certifies that it bid on category one telecommunications and Internet access services in response to all FCC Form 470 postings seeking broadband service that meets the connectivity targets for the schools and libraries universal service support program for eligible schools and libraries located within any area in a census block where the carrier is receiving Phase II model-based support, and that such bids were at rates reasonably comparable to rates charged to eligible schools and libraries in urban areas for comparable offerings - 54.313(e)(1)(ii)(C)



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Select from the drop down menu or check the boxes below to note compliance with 54.313(f)(1). Privately held carriers must ensure compliance with the financial reporting requirements set forth in 47 CFR 54.313(f)(2). I further certify that the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

(3009)	Progress Report on 5 Year Plan Carrier certifies to 54.313(f)(1)(iii)		
		Yes - Attach Certification	
(3010A)	Certification of Public Interest Obligations {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i)}		
(3010B)	Please Provide Attachment	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	442104TX3010.pdf
(3012A)	Community Anchor Institutions {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(ii)}	No - No New Community Anchors	
(3012B)	Please Provide Attachment	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	
(3013)	Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2)}	(Yes/No)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>
(3014)	If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report	(Yes/No)	<input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/>
Please check these boxes to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 3017, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2) compliance requires:			
(3015)	Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports (Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
(3016)	Document(s) with Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows	<input type="checkbox"/>	
(3017)	If the response is yes on line 3014, attach your company's RUS annual report and all required documentation	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	
(3018)	If the response is no on line 3014, is your company audited?	(Yes/No)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>
If the response is yes on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:			
(3019)	Either a copy of their audited financial statement; or (2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
(3020)	Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
(3021)	Management letter and/or audit opinion issued by the independent certified public accountant that performed the company's financial audit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
If the response is no on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:			
(3022)	Copy of their financial statement which has been subject to review by an independent certified public accountant; or 2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers	<input type="checkbox"/>	
(3023)	Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified public accountant	<input type="checkbox"/>	
(3024)	Underlying information subjected to an officer certification.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
(3025)	Document(s) with Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows	<input type="checkbox"/>	
(3026)	Attach the worksheet listing required information	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	442104TX3026.pdf

**(3005) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation (Continued)**

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**Financial Data Summary**

(3027) Revenue

(3028) Operating Expenses

(3029) Net Income

(3030) Telephone Plant In Service(TPIS)

(3031) Total Assets

(3032) Total Debt

(3033) Total Equity

(3034) Dividends

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4005 Rural Broadband Experiment

Authorized Rural Broadband Experiment (RBE) recipients must address the certification for public interest obligations, provide a list of newly served community anchor institutions, and provide a list of locations where broadband has been deployed.

Public Interest Obligations – FCC 14-98 (paragraphs 26-29, 78)

Please address Line 4001 regarding compliance with the Commission’s public interest obligations. All RBE participants must provide a response to Line 4001.

**4001.** Recipient certifies that it is offering broadband to the identified locations meeting the requisite public interest obligations consistent with the category for which they were selected, including broadband speed, latency, usage capacity, and rates that are reasonably comparable to rates for comparable offerings in urban areas?

Community Anchor Institutions – FCC 14-98 (paragraph 79)

**4003a.** RBE participants must provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which they newly deployed broadband service in the preceding calendar year. On this line, please respond (yes – attach new community anchors, no – no new anchors) to indicate whether this list will be provided.

If yes to 4003A, please provide a response for 4003B.

4003b. Provide the number, names and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the recipient newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

Broadband Deployment Locations – FCC 14-98 (paragraph 80)

4004a. Attach a list of geocoded locations to which broadband has been deployed as of the June 1st immediately preceding the July 1st filing deadline for the FCC Form 481.

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

4004b. Attach evidence demonstrating that the recipient is meeting the relevant public service obligations for the identified locations. Materials must at least detail the pricing, offered broadband speed and data usage allowances available in the relevant geographic area.

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

**Certification - Reporting Carrier  
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**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:**

Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients	
I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service support recipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form and in any attachments is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier:	
Signature of Authorized Officer:	Date
Printed name of Authorized Officer:	
Title or position of Authorized Officer:	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer:	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:	Filing Due Date for this form:
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	

<b>Certification - Agent / Carrier Data Collection Form</b>	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF AN AGENT IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE CARRIER'S BEHALF:**

Certification of Officer to Authorize an Agent to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I certify that (Name of Agent) <u>Alexicon, Inc.</u> is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier. I also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authorized agent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports and data provided to the authorized agent is accurate.	
Name of Authorized Agent:	Alexicon, Inc.
Name of Reporting Carrier:	LAKE LIVINGSTON TEL
Signature of Authorized Officer:	CERTIFIED ONLINE Date: 06/27/2017
Printed name of Authorized Officer:	Stephen Blount
Title or position of Authorized Officer:	President
Telephone number of Authorized Officer:	9365664000 ext.
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:	442104 Filing Due Date for this form: 07/03/2017
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	

**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:**

Certification of Agent Authorized to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I, as agent for the reporting carrier, certify that I am authorized to submit the annual reports for universal service support recipients on behalf of the reporting carrier; I have provided the data reported herein based on data provided by the reporting carrier; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported herein is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier:	LAKE LIVINGSTON TEL
Name of Authorized Agent Firm:	Alexicon, Inc.
Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	CERTIFIED ONLINE Date: 06/27/2017
Name of Authorized Agent Employee:	Malcolm Hardage
Title or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent	Senior Client Manager
Telephone number of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	9183769901 ext.
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:	442104 Filing Due Date for this form: 07/03/2017
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## Attachments

<b>(700) Price Offerings including Voice Rate Data</b> <b>Data Collection Form</b>	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<b>(710) Broadband Price Offerings</b> <b>Data Collection Form</b>	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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**Lake Livingston Telephone Company (SAC 442104)**

*COMPLIANCE WITH SERVICE QUALITY STANDARDS AND CONSUMER PROTECTION RULES*

C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(5)

Form 481, Line 510

Lake Livingston Telephone Company (“Lake Livingston” or “the Company”) complies with all applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules as required by the Public Utility Commission of Texas (“PUC”) and the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”).

The rates, terms and conditions under which the Company operates are identified in its Local Exchange Tariff, which is approved by the PUC. The Company’s tariff contains provisions regarding its customer service and protection practices, including resolving customer disputes, applying for, refusing, disconnection and cancellation of service. Rates and terms of service are disclosed to customers upon application for service as part of a packet of information for new customers.

Service quality standards are established by the PUC and Lake Livingston consistently meets or exceeds those requirements. The Company provides quarterly reports to the Texas PUC pursuant to the commission’s rules.

The protection of its customers’ privacy and information is a constant part of Lake Livingston’s quality of service. The Company has a policy and operating procedures that comply with the FCC’s Customer Proprietary Network Information (“CPNI”) rules (47 C.F.R 64.2001 – 64.2011). Certification of Lake Livingston’s compliance with the FCC’s CPNI rules is filed with the FCC annually.

**Lake Livingston Telephone Company (SAC 442104)**

*Statement Regarding the Ability to Function in Emergency Situations*

47 CFR § 54.313(a)(6)

Form 481, Line 610

Lake Livingston Telephone Company (LLTC) is an incumbent local exchange carrier operating in the state of Texas, and is an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) designated by the Texas Public Utilities Commission (TPUC). As such, LLTC is subject to the regulatory authority of the TPUC and operates under the relevant rules and laws of the state of Texas.

LLTC is subject to TPUC rules regarding the ability to remain functional in emergency situations by (1) maintaining at least eight hours of backup power to ensure functionality without local alternating current (AC) commercial power, (2) establishing the ability to reroute traffic around damaged facilities and to manage traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations, and (3) establishing procedures for employees to follow in an emergency to prevent or minimize interruption or impairment of telecommunications services.

LLTC has 2 fixed generators at the Central Office. LLTC also has 6 portable generators capable of providing the required level of backup power, and that can be deployed as necessary to LLTC's switching and remote sites. LLTC's network is capable of rerouting traffic around damaged facilities, although this ability is not absolute and may be limited in certain circumstances. However, LLTC follows all industry standard practices in ensuring its network remains functional during different types of emergency situations.

**Lake Livingston Telephone Company (SAC 442104)**

*Statement Regarding Voice Rate Comparability*

47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(10)

Form 481, Line 1010

Lake Livingston Telephone Company is a rural, rate of return regulated incumbent local exchange carrier operating in the state of Texas, and is an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) designated by the Texas Public Utilities Commission (TPUC). As such, Lake Livingston Telephone Company is subject to the regulatory authority of the TPUC and operates under the relevant rules and laws of the state of Texas.

Lake Livingston Telephone Company hereby certifies that the pricing of its voice services is no more than two standard deviations above the national average urban rate for voice service, \$49.51, as specified in the February 14, 2017 Public Notice issued by the Wireline Competition Bureau of the Federal Communications Commission.

Lake Livingston Telephone Company's residential voice service rates, including state fees and the federal subscriber line charge (SLC) are as follows.

Monthly rate for Lake Livingston exchange is \$28.95.

Average monthly rate is \$28.95.

**Lake Livingston Telephone Company (SAC 442104)**

*Statement Regarding Broadband Rate Comparability*

47 CFR § 54.313(a)(12)

2017 FCC Form 481, Line 1030

Lake Livingston Telephone Company (Lake Livingston) states the following as to the requirements contained in 47 CFR § 54.313(a)(12) regarding the reasonable comparability of residential broadband rates. This rule requires that eligible telecommunications carriers (ETCs) provide “*a certification that the pricing of a service that meets the Commission's broadband public interest obligations is no more than the applicable benchmark to be announced annually in a public notice issued by the Wireline Competition Bureau, or is no more than the non-promotional price charged for a comparable fixed wireline service in urban areas in the states or U.S. Territories where the eligible telecommunications carrier receives support.*”

Lake Livingston notes that this rule, adopted in the FCC’s December 18, 2014 Report and Order in WC Docket Nos. 10-90, 14-58, and 14-192 (FCC 14-190) is effective for the first time with the 2016 Form 481 ETC Annual Report. Furthermore, the Wireline Competition Bureau issued a Public Notice (DA 17-167, rel. February 14, 2017) that contains, *inter alia*, the process for determining the applicable reasonably comparable benchmark rates. ETCs are to certify on line 1020 of the 2016 Form 481 that one broadband service offering that satisfies all of the Commission’s requirements, including that the service be offered throughout the high-cost support recipient’s supported area or made available upon request be priced at or below the relevant benchmark.

While Lake Livingston offers fixed wireline retail residential broadband internet access service meeting the Commission’s requirements (10/1 mbps, 150 gb of monthly capacity), it does not and cannot do so at rates at or below the relevant benchmarks. Lake Livingston’s retail rate for residential 10/1 unlimited broadband internet access service is \$109.95 per month, while the benchmark rate according to the 2017 Public Notice and the online reasonable comparability benchmark calculator is \$77.98. In addition, Lake Livingston has considered the “*non-promotional price charged for a comparable fixed wireline service in urban areas in the states or U.S. Territories*” in Texas. Lake Livingston’s rate is higher due to many factors, including the high cost, remote areas that it serves, the relatively high middle mile costs necessary to connect Lake Livingston’s customers to the Internet, and the sparse population in its rural Texas serving area.

Lake Livingston also notes that, as an ILEC ETC, it does not provide retail Internet access services of any kind directly to end user customers; rather, Lake Livingston provides wholesale service to its Internet Service Provider (ISP) affiliate, which then adds services to the broadband “pipe” Lake Livingston provides in order to provide broadband Internet access service to individual residential customers. Thus, Lake Livingston, as the ILEC, does not control the costs incurred by the ISP or the prices charged to the end user.

**Lake Livingston Telephone Company (SAC 442104)**

*Progress Report on 5 Year Plan – Milestone Certification*

47 C.F.R. § 54.313(f)(1)(i)

Form 481, Line 3010

Lake Livingston Telephone Company hereby certifies pursuant to 47 CFR 54.313(f)(1)(i) that it is taking all reasonable steps to provide, upon reasonable request, broadband service at actual speeds of at least 10 mbps downstream and 1 mbps upstream, with latency suitable for real-time applications, including Voice over Internet Protocol, and usage capacity that is reasonably comparable to comparable offerings in urban areas, and that requests for such service are met within a reasonable time frame.

**Lake Livingston Telephone Company (SAC 442104)**

*Community Anchor Institutions*

47 C.F.R. § 54.313(f)(1)(ii)

Form 481, Line 3012

Lake Livingston Telephone Company did not begin providing broadband service to any community anchor institutions during 2016. The Company had previously provided broadband service meeting the Commission's public interest obligation standards to all community anchor institutions in its study area and, to the company's knowledge, no new community anchor institutions began operating in the Company's study area during 2016."

Lake Livingston Telephone Company, Inc. (SAC 442104)  
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For the 2017 Reporting Year  
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